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Preliminary Report

U-2 RECONNAISSANCE MISSION C485C

Flown 5 September 1965

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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U-2 RECONNAISSANCE MISSION C485C	
Flown 5 September 1965  MISSION HIGHLIGHTS	
Mission C485C, flown on 5 September was over south China and northern North Vietnam for approximately 4 hours and 7 minutes	
and collected photographic intelligence on 17 COMOR targets.	25X1

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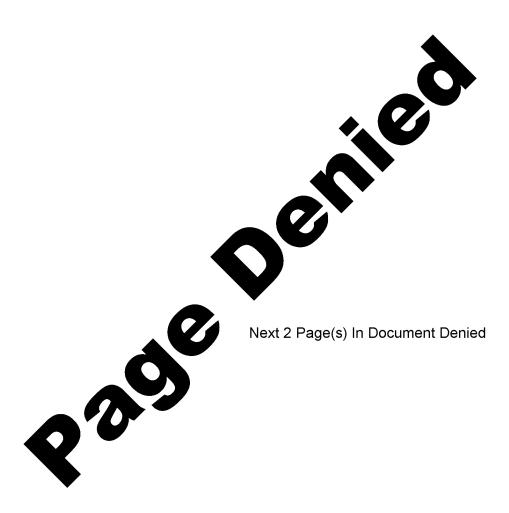
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One flight identified as two fighters were airborne in response to the mission. It does not appear that these fighters, probably MIG-17's or MIG-19's, attempted to intercept the mission. It is possible that the fighters were waiting for a malfunction which would force the mission aircraft down to a vulnerable altitude.

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Background
Mission C485C was flown over North Vietnam and South China on
5 September 1965 to obtain high resolution photographic coverage of priority
COMOR targets. COMOR requirements call for weekly coverage of one-fourth
of the priority targets and monthly coverage of all targets in South China.
Launched from Taiwan at 0114Z, the U-2 penetrated North 25X
Vietnam mear the Sino-Vietnamese border and overflew denied territory for minutes
one hour and fifty five main. The mission aircraft was recovered at Ban
Takhli, Thailand at 0745Z for a total flight time of six hours and thirty-one
minutes. In addition to the "B" camera, the U-2 carried systems III [COMINT]
and VI (ELINT) collectors.
The weather for the mission was forecast as Catagory III (broken
clouds), based upon the clearing effects of the predicted movement of Typhoon
"Rose". The expected movement was slow in developing, however, and the
actual weather encountered was principally Catagory IV (overcast).
The pilot reported the mission was flown as planned.
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## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

A preliminary study of the mission photography shows that 18 targets were covered, including 5 airfields, 8 military complexes, and 5 industrial complexes. All of the targets covered, with the exception of a new bridge on the Chinese-Vietnamese border were on the COMOR target listing.

An example of the photography obtained on this mission is not available due to the extensive cloud cover during the mission.

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